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Permission to Kamamia to distill liquor in brong.

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Memo. on Abkary District Establishments.

Prior to 1862/63, the arrangements made for carrying out the Sudder Distillery system were of an experimental character. Considerable latitude was allowed to District officers as to establishments and general management. The number of distilleries exceeded the actual requirements of the Province, and the Establishments were on a larger scale than was absolutely consistent with efficiency.

In 1862/63, the system was modified, only those distilleries which were at Tahseels or Sudder Stations were retained, and the establishments were reduced to the scale which has been adhered to ever since.-

In 1863/64, wholesale shops were substituted for 23 of the 45 distilleries that

that had excisted in the previous year,
and thereby a saving in Establishments
of Rupees 8280, a year was effected.
The objects of this measure were (1) the
economy, and (2) the concentration of
supervision by the closure, as far as
possible, of those out Tehseel
distilleries which were not immedi-
-ately under the control of the
District officers. The result of this
step, from a revenue point of
view, has not been unsuccessful,
and promises well for the future;
and as regards the Vendors and
consumers, any inconvenience that
might have been experienced from
a reduction of the number of
distilleries has been obviated by
a rule which permits the whole-
-sale Vendor of one district to
draw

draw his supply of liquor from the nearest distillery of another District. In 1864/65, the self-supporting distillery system, which had been tried on a small scale and as a tentative measure towards the close of '63/4, was introduced into 4 districts, and while by this arrangement the number of distilleries was increased to 24, the number supported by Government was further reduced to 19.-

The scale of district Abkary establishment, as it has existed from 1862/3 to the present time, is as follows:—

	Rs.
For each distillery 1 Mohurir @ 20-	20.
2 Chaprasees " 5-	10.
Total	30-

For each District 1 Darogah @ 50-	60.
2 Chaprasees @ 5-	10.
Total	60-

Besides the above, each distillery has a guard of 1 head Constable and

and 4 Constables, supplied by the District Superintendent of Police.- But in the case of self supporting distilleries the cost of this guard has hitherto been defrayed from the distillery fee fund.

The principles upon which the establishment was constituted thus were (1) economy (2) management of the District shops and suppression of unlicensed manufacture and vend of liquor, (3) The institution of a check upon one branch of the establishment by the supervision of another not always stationary.- as far as economy is concerned it may be remarked that one Moharir now fully performs the work which was formerly done by two, and that where there were 3 and 4 distillery Chaprasees there are now 2.

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The maintenance of a Darogah and Chaprasees who were constantly kept moving, and as far as possible prevented from identifying their interests with the Stationary Establishment at the distilleries, fulfils, more or less, the other two conditions: and the working of the whole body of subordinate Abkary employés is immediately controlled and watched by the Tehseeldars and district officers.-

Except, perhaps, as regards the Guards, the Establishment now allowed is as economical as could be consistently with efficiency. The Mohurrir keeps all the distillery books, and under the supervision of the Tehseeldar or some Tehsil officer conducts the daily issue of liquor, the 2 distillery Chaprasees performing such duties of watch

watch &c within the distillery as are not within the province of the Guard. The Darogah visits the Distilleries of the District (exciting some degree of check upon the Mohurrirs) and moves about the District with the view of suppressing illicit manufacture and sale of bhung and drugs by the detection of such cases of illicit dealing as may transpire. The 2 Chaprassies attached to the Darogah are also employed for detective and preventive purposes, and, where they do their duty properly are well worth the cost of their retention with establishmen

The feasibility of dispensing with Guards for the distilleries is a question of considerable moment to which I am now devoting attention. The cost of this portion of the establishment, though no

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not debitable to Abkary revenue, is a heavy charge against the Imperial resources and any expedient even though it costs some little outlay at first, by which Guards of this kind could be superceded, should, I think, be adopted.-

The principle object of a Guard is to see that liquor is not passed out of the distillery enclosure until the duty has been levied upon it. At present the only check upon smuggling of this description is the active watch kept up day and night, outside the enclosure wall, for it is quite possible for distillers working inside to open out their Stills and remove liquor at any time when no one is observing them, and with common native locks protecting the doors of the

Godown

Godowns in which liquor is stored it is not difficult to remove spirits even from the place where they are supposed to be beyond the reach of every body, but the Tehseldar who holds the key.

It is true, that the abstraction from the godowns of any large quantity of liquor should be detected through the stone Book, but it would not always be possible to trace out the person by whom the offence was committed, nor where the stone book is loosely kept would it be easy to determine with any accuracy how much had been removed.

I am now considering whether it is possible to contrive some description of locked still, so constructed, that the distiller will not

not be able to open it out until the Tehsildar has unlocked it. If this can be managed, all liquor distilled within the enclosure, will, if the Tehsildar take ordinary precautions, be sure to pass into the godown, and once there it will only be necessary to secure the door with good english locks to render the spirits in store perfectly safe. Should this measure be found practicable police guards might be altogether dispensed with. For the Chaprasees attached to each distillery would amply provide for such watch as would then be necessary, and the cost of the new Stills and locks, though doubtless heavy, would be more than compensated for by the saving of a charge which aggregates little less than Rs 10,000: a year.

(Sd)

To (Sgd) E. H. C. Bradford,
Supt. of Excise & Stamps,
Cuba.

No. 2802.

FROM E. H. LUSHINGTON, ESQUIRE,

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF OUDE.

Fort William, the 31st October 1865.

Financial Department.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 3302, dated 16th October 1865, I am directed to convey formal sanction to the scale of Distillery Establishments in Oude, therewith submitted.

2. It is gathered from paragraphs 3 and 5 of the memorandum of the Superintendent of Stamps and Excise, and from the allusion to self-supporting Distilleries which occur in his Administration Report for 1864-65, that the 24 Distilleries charged for in the Proposition Statement now sanctioned, are inclusive of those which were maintained in the past year from the Distillery Fee Fund, the income of that Fund being henceforth credited in gross to the General Revenues.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant

E. H. LUSHINGTON,

Secretary to the Government of .....

Copy to the Accountant General, North-Western Provinces, with a copy of the Proposition Statement received with the letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Oude.

[Exd. W. C. Mitter.]
485. 7-11-65.

(True Copies)

Asst Secy to the Govt of India

No. 3302. 12

From

The Secretary to Chief
Commissioner,
Oude,

To,

The Secretary to Government
of India,
Financial Departt.
Simla,

Dated Lucknow the 16th Octr. 65

Revenue

Sir,

With reference to your letter, No. 1870, dated 11th August last, I am directed to forward to you, for the sanction of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the enclosed Tabular Statement of the sanctioned and proposed Abkary Establishments in Oude, together with a copy of a memorandum on the subject by the Superintendent of Excise and Stamps.

I have &c

W. J. Reid.
Secy to Chief Commr. Oude

Ed Bourchier.

Tabular Statement of proposed reduction in Abkaree Establishment in the Province of Oude.

Dept., Govt. of India.	Office to which the Proposition refers.	Nature of Charge.				Proposition.						Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Govt. of India.		
						Permanent.		Temporary.							For. Dept.	Finl. Dept.	
Date.		District.	Present Establishment. Rs.	District.	Proposed Establishment. Rs.	Increase per month. Rs.	Decrease per month. Rs.	Increase per month. Period.	Increase per month. Rs.	Decrease per month. Period.	Decrease per month. Rs.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
27th November 1862.	Abkaree Establishment, Oude.	Fyzabad.	*District.* 1 Darogah ... 50 2 Chupprassees at 5 each 10 *Sudder Tehseel.* 1 Mohurrir ... 20 1 Ditto ... 15 2 Chupprassies at 5 each.. 10 3 *Ordinary Tehseels.* 1 Mohurrir at each 20 60 2 Chuprassees ,, at 5.. 30 Total ... 195	Fyzabad.	*District.* 1 Darogah ... 50 2 Chupprassees ... 10 *Sudder Tehseel.* 1 Mohurrir ... 20 2 Chupprassees ... 10 *Ordinary Tehseel.* 1 Mohurrir ... 20 2 Chuprassees ... 10 Total ... 120		...				...					
		Gonda.	District as above ... 60 Sudder Tehseel ... 45 3 Ordinary Ditto at 30 each ... 90 Total ... 195	Gonda.	District ... 60 Sudder Tehseel ... 30 1 Ordinary Tehseel ... 30 Total ... 120		...										

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No.	Extract from For. Dept., Govt. of India. Date.	Office to which the Proposition refers.	Nature of Charges.						Proposition.						Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Government of India.		
			Present Establishment.			Proposed Establishment.			Permanent.			Temporary.						For. Dept.	Financial Dept.	
			District.		Rs.	District.		Rs.	Increase per month. Rs.	Decrease per month. Rs.	Period.	Increase per month. Rs.	Period.	Decrease per month. Rs.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
			Baraitch.	District as above ...	60	Baraitch.	District ...	60	...											
				Sudder Tehseel ...	45		Sudder Tehseel ...	30												
				3 Ordinary Tehseels at 30 each ...	90															
				Total ...	195		Total ...	90		105										
			Seetapore.	District as above ...	60	Seetapore.	District ...	60	...											
				Sudder Tehseel „ ...	45		Sudder Tehseel ...	30												
				5 Ordinary Tehseels „ at 30 each ...	150		2 Ordinary Tehseels ...	60												
				Total ...	255		Total ...	150		105										
			Hurdui.	District as above ...	60	Hurdui.	District ...	60	...											
				Sudder Tehseel ...	45		Sudder Tehseel ...	30												
				3 Ordinary Tehseels at 30 each ...	90															
				Total ...	195		Total ...	90		105										
			dee.	District as above ...	60	dee.	District ...	60	...											
				Sudder Tehseel ...	45		Sudder Tehseel ...	30												

Mahom	3 Ordinary Tehseels at 30 each	...	90	Mahom	2 Ordinary Tehseels	...	60		
	Total	...	195		Total	...	150	...	45
Roy Barailly.	District as above	...	60	Roy Barailly.	District	...	60		
	Sudder Tehseel	...	45		Sudder Tehseel	...	30		
	3 Ordinary Tehseels	...	90		Ordinary Tehseel	...	30		
	Total	...	195		Total	...	120	...	7
Sultanpore.	District as above	...	60	Sultanpore.	District	...	60		
	Sudder Tehseel ditto	...	45		Sudder Tehseel	...	30		
	4 Ordinary Tehseels ditto at 30	...	120		1 Ordinary Tehseel	...	30		
	Total	...	225		Total	...	120	...	10
Pertabgurh.	District as above	...	60	Pertabgurh.	District	...	60		
	Sudder Tehseel ditto	...	45		Sudder Tehseel	...	30		
	4 Ordinary Tehseels ditto at 30	...	120		2 Ordinary Tehseels	...	60		
	Total	...	225		Total	...	150	...	7
Oonao.	District as above	...	60	Oonao.	District	...	60		
	Sudder Tehseel ditto	...	45		Sudder Tehseel	...	30		
	4 Ordinary Tehseels ditto at 30 each	...	120		1 Ordinary Tehseel	..	30		
	Total	...	225		Total	...	120	...	10

Date.	Dept., Govt. of India. Office to which the Proposition refers.	Nature of Charges.					Proposition.						Casual or Extraordinary.	Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Govt. of India.			
							Permanent.		Temporary.							Home Dept.	Finl. Dept.		
		District.	Present Establishment.	Rs.	District.	Proposed Establishment.	Rs.	Increase per month. Rs.	Decrease per month. Rs.	Increase per month. Period.	Increase per month. Rs.	Decrease per month. Period.	Decrease per month. Rs.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
		Lucknow.	District as above ... 60 Sudder Tehseel ditto ... 45 3 Ordinary Tehseels ditto at 30 each ... 90 Total ... 195		Lucknow.	District ... 60 Sudder Tehsl ... 30 Total ... 90		...	105										
		Durriabad.	District as above ... 60 Sudder Tehseel ditto ... 45 3 Ordinary Tehseels ditto at 30 each ... 90 Total ... 195		Durriabad.	District ... 60 Sudder Tehseel ... 30 1 Ordinary Tehseel ... 30 Total ... 120		...	75										
		Fyzabad.	*Abstract.* Fyzabad ... 195 Gonda ... 195 Baraitch ... 195 Total ... 585		Fyzabad.	*Abstract.* Fyzabad ... 120 Gonda ... 120 Baraitch ... 90 Total ... 330		...	255					o Chief Commissioner, Oude, No. 3302, dated 15th October 1865.	mended.				

Khyrabad.	Seetapore	...	255	Khyrabad.	Seetapore	...	150	...	255					
	Hurdui	...	195		Hurdui	...	90							
	Mohumdee	...	195		Mohumdee	...	150							
	Total	...	645			...	390	...	255					
Baiswara.	Roy Bareilly	...	195	Baiswara.	Roy Bareilly	...	120							
	Sultanpore	...	225		Sultanpore	...	120							
	Pertabgurh	...	225		Pertabgurh	...	150							
	Total	...	645			...	390	...	255					
Lucknow.	Lucknow	...	195	Lucknow.	Lucknow	...	90							
	Oonao	...	225		Oonao	...	120							
	Durriabad	...	195		Durriabad	...	120							
	Total	...	615			...	330	...	285					
	Grand Total	...	2,490		Gra	...	1,440	...	1,050					

Note.—The only reduction in the sc
but as shewn in the accompany

ishments is the Second Mohurrir at the Sudder Tehseels on Rupees 15;
andum the number of Distilleries has been greatly reduced.

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Vivd memo. attached to letter from Secretary

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J. REID,

Secretary to Chief Commissioner, O

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Section S.R
File No 5 — 1863
Serial No 1

No. 1570

From

The Under Secretary to the
Government of India,

To

The Commissioner of Coorg,

Dt Fort William, the 7th Decr, 1864

Foreign Dept.
General.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter dated 14th Ultimo, No. 1222, I am directed to communicate the following further observations and orders of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council on the annual administration Report of the province of Coorg for 1863/64.

2. If no purchasers of timber at reasonable prices are forthcoming, and carriage is too expensive to be used, as stated in paragraph 49 of Captain Taylor's Report, His Excellency in Council doubts the correctness of that officers conclusion that the trade in timber must naturally year by year increase.

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3. The increase in the extra sources of revenue, as shown in para: 54, is satisfactory. One of these sources is the Coffee Salut as it is termed, but His Excellency in Council would prefer the English word "Excise" to be used instead of "Salut".—

4. Adverting to para: 55, the Governor General in Council would not object to see the Sudder Distillery system tried, gradually, in one or two of the most likely places, if the present system of having a Government distillery is so objectionable.—

5. With reference to paras: 73 & 74 (sections 4 & 5) I am directed to state that the suggestions therein contained should not appear in an Annual Report, but should be made the subject of a special reference to Govern: ment.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Fort William,
The 7th Decr, 1864.

Under Secy: to the Govt of India.

E.B.S.

1864

No. 71.

From

The Under Secretary to the
Government of India
Foreign Department
Fort William

Dated 9th December
Recd. 22nd

No. 1516

In continuation of his letter
of 14th ultimo No. 1222 communicating
certain observations of His Excellency
the Viceroy & Governor General in
Council on the Annual Administration Report of the Province
of Coorg for 1863/64.

Copy sent to Coorg

Mr. White

Send to Comp. a Copy of the
Adm. Report

B 22/12/64

Copy to Sup. of Coorg, with a Copy
No. 199 Pro. 27-12-64

That he will submit reports on the
subjects adverted to in para: 5

B 26/12/64

Mercara 7th February 1865

To the Secretary to
The Commissioner
for the affairs of Coorg

Sir,

In a letter addressed to the Superintendent of Coorg on the 12th January 1865, I made a tender on the part of Mysore Ramanah to distil liquor for consumption in Coorg on the principle of the Sudder Distillery system, and I stated that the said Ramanah offered to pay a tax to Government of one rupee for every gallon taken out of the Distillery, and to furnish any security that might be demanded.

The terms of the tender for distilling within the Sudder Distillery are detailed in the above mentioned letter, and I am requested to state further for the Commissioners information that as regards the tax upon every gallon of liquor distilled and removed, Mysore Ramanah is

prepared

prepared, to abide by the decision
the Government may determine
to be proper intention that rate be
one rupee or more. In fact the objec
of this tender is to make a fair profit
out of the distillery business while
the effect of acceding to the propo
-sitions of Mysore Ramanah is
to relieve the Government altogether
from distilling liquor for Coorg, to
introduce a system which has
been found to answer elsewhere,
and to increase the annual
revenue by placing a high tax
upon the consumption of liquor

stated, in round numbers
the amount of Abkary collection
for the current year may be 120000
rupees while the expenditure
will hardly be less than 40000
leaving a profit to Government
of R80000. Now the tax seen
at one rupee a gallon for 1865-66
will not, I estimate, be less than
70000 rupees alone, while it may
be a great deal more.

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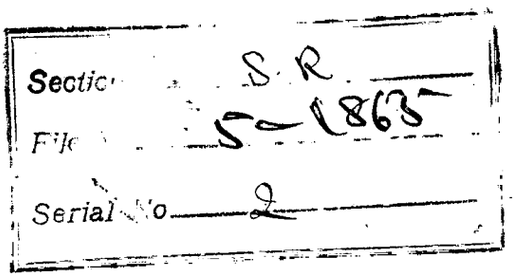

Sir,

Your obedient servt

Ralph Taylor

Under these circumstances

I beg the Commissioners' consideration

of the application of Mysore Rama-

-rah, and request an answer to

the same as soon as convenient.

1865 No 54

From Captain Taylor

Dated 7th February

Registered and early answered to his

letter of even date

Letter to be made on the back of one of the

Applications to obtain liquor for

consumption on the premises

Copy of the Letter dictated by

Lyttelton

Payment

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Brennan

E Kellys

Copy of the letter dictated by Lyttelton

Dan Kelly who can make by the

Powder Post Calcutta Distillery

Co in favour of Ramchunder

D 10/2/65

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Section S.R
File No 5 - 1863
Serial No 3

To the Superintendent of Coorg.

Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief of India to forward for your information the enclosed copy of a letter dated the 7th February 1865 from Capt. Taylor A.D.C. submitting a letter on the part of the Bangalore Rifle Legion in connection with Coorg on the principles of the Sudder Distillery system; and to observe that a tender has also been made by the proprietor of the Pallenkee Distillery with a description of establishment for Coorg.

I have &c
W.L.
Secy.

B 13/2/65

Canton Merkara
13th Feb. 1865

Desp'd 22-2-65

W/L

No 99.

To Paulhully Factory

13th February 1865.

From

J. W. Hayes Esqr

Managing Partner

Astagram Sugar Works Company

Section S.R
File No 4 - 1863
Serial No 4

To Captain J. A. Campbell

Officiating Secretary to the

Commissioner of Coorg

Sir

I have the honor to solicit you will be so good as to submit the following for the favorable consideration of the Commissioner.

About seven weeks since, when the Commissioner was pleased to visit the Government Distillery at Paulhully, and the extensive appliances there, for the purest and best distillation, came under his immediate observation; I took the liberty of soliciting that he would help my Firm by giving us the supply of spirits in the Coorg District

The Commissioner was so kind as to direct me to submit an application in writing through you for his consideration when we he reached Mercara.

In addressing you, therefore, I beg to state that I am prepared to supply spirits in any quantity and of such density as may be required, conforming rigidly to such rules as may be laid down by the Commissioner in establishing wholesale shops at the different places which may be decided on and paying Still Head duties either to the Superintendent of the Astagram Division at the time of export, or to the Superintendent of Coorg on importation.

Knowing as the Commissioner does the capabilities of the works in the Paulhully Government Distillery it is needless for

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me to pay anything on this head, further than that the Prize Medals at the London Exhibitions for the years 1851 and 1861 were awarded to us for Indian Rum and Sugar; and that my best will be wanting on my part to carry out the views and wishes of the Commissioner under the Sudder Distillery system.

In submitting the foregoing for the favorable consideration of the Commissioner, I solicit you will kindly afford me your support and recommendation.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
M. M. Hayes

1865 No. 5-8.
M. Hayes Esquire
Managing Partner
Madagascar Sugar
Works Company
Dated 13th } February
Received 23rd }
Begs that he may be
allowed to distill the Spirits
in the Coorg District.
(Circular to Collectors)
Answer in the Negative
by Order of Govt. for report
B 14/2/65

Genl. Dept. 482 } 1864-65
Collr. 116
Copy of the foregoing Correspondence & the Report
Copy for record.
Myself
Ag. Collr.
B 18/2/65
Genl. Dept.
18th Feb. 1865.
Dated 25-2-"

No. 60

1865.

From Mr. Ralph Taylor

To The Secretary to the Commissio
for Coorg.

Dated 21st February

Despatched

Received 27th Ditto

Enclosures, No

No

Section S.R
File No 4 - 1863
Serial No 5

Subject

Requests that a favorable consid
=ation may be given with regard
to Mysore Ramunnah's applicatio
to distil liquor for the Coorg Distric

Await Sup^t reply
B 28/2/65

Rec'd Pro. - 25-3-65

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To

Mercara 21st February 1865

The Secretary to the

Govt for the affairs Coorg

Sir,

Refering to my letter to your address dated the 8th Feby 1865 on the Subject of Mysore Ramanah's application to distil liquor for the Coorg Division in the Government distillery at Fraserpett, I have the honor to request that the Commr will be good enough to call up my letters on the Subject from the Supt of Coorg's Office, from the perusal of which he will observe that Mysore Ramanah is prepared to purchase the Distillery, and Material from Govt, and in every other respect to conform to such rules as may have been laid down in Similar instances in Mysore, where it is understood that the distilling for a whole Division by one individual or Firm has been found to answer.

I think there can be no doubt that the object of the Government will be more effectually carried out by the distillery and Establishment

being within the province of Coorg, than if conducted by any irresponsible contractors beyond the boundary; and I conceive that the proposition of Mysore Ramanna to relieve the Government at once from distilling its own liquor, upon terms to be dictated by them, are deserving of favorable Consideration and a fair trial for a given period of time.

Under these circumstances I beg the Commr will be good enough to give me a reply in Mysore Ramanah's favor at his early convenience.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obdt Servt
Ralph Taylor

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To

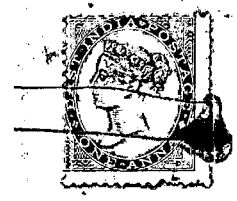
The Secretary

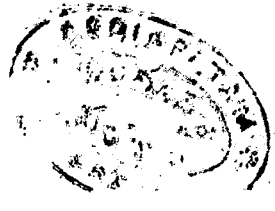
to the Commissioners for the

Affairs of Coorg.

Camp at

Bangalore





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permits to admit of different
kinds of the ingredients for
Long to be distilled within it.
The proper rate of Still head
duty should also be provided
for. It will, however, be
necessary to make some arrange-
ment for the disposal of the
Bottoms & Strait Billings by Sat
or Saltpetre, and this might
to lower the estimate for
constructing the enclosure.

B 20/4/65

1865

From The Ag. Superintendent Coorg

To The Secretary to the Coorg Commissn
Bangalore

Dated 19th April 1865

Despatched

Received 24 Do

Enclosures No.

General No. 1722

No.

Subject.

Reporting regarding
the tender made by
Kammana for distilling
liquor under the Sudder
Distillery System

Answered 27/4/65

Refer the Supt to the rates of duty fixed
by India in the Admn Report for 1863/4
and observe that a distinct prohibition
should be put forward for erecting
a Still under too sufficiently

Section S.R
File No. 4-1863
Serial No. 6

6 No. 1722

Coorg Superintendent's Office

From

The Acting Superintendent

of Coorg

To

The Secretary

to the Commissioner for the affairs of Coorg

Bangalore

Dated Coorg 19th April 1865

Sir,

In reply to your No. 261/84 of the 22nd February last, I have the honor to state that I have always held the opinion that the Government should withdraw, as far as it lies in it's power, from the direct manufacture and supply of any liquor to the people committed to it's care, and that the Madden Distillery System appears to be admirably adapted for that purpose.

2. With regard to the Tenders of the parties, alluded to in your letter, I would beg to remark that it appeared to me, according to the System in force in the North West Provinces, that the Government had only to provide the Madden Enclosure and necessary Establishment, and that any one was at liberty to distil in that Enclosure.

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3 Of course, however, in adopting such
the Government must be careful that some
more persons should be found ready, and ab
on the manufacture; so as to ensure the people
suddenly cut off from the supply of their ac
Stimulant.

4 As soon as the resolution of Govern
more widely known, I have no doubt more
would be forthcoming, and it would be diffe
make a selection, without appearing invidio
the Commissioner should consider the prop
of the Pakhully Distillery to be in a be
position to carry out the system, or the right
be put up to Public Competition, if not incon
with the principles of the system.

I have the hon

Sir,

Your most obedien

D. Mc

Asst Superint

Genl. Cs: 606
Revenue - 55
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C. C. O.

My Bangalore 27th April 1865.

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Section S.R
File No 4-1863
Serial No 7

The Ag. Superintendent
of Coorg.

In reply to your letter
No. 1722 dated the 19th Inst. I
am desired by the Comm.r to
refer you to the orders of the
Govt. of India on the Adminis-
tration Report for 1863/64,
and to observe that a dis-
tinct proposition should
be put forward for erecting
a Govt. enclosure sufficiently
spacious to admit of all the
cattle required for Coorg being
distilled within it. The
proper rate of Still head
duty should also be provided
for. It will at the same time
be necessary, the Comm.r observes,
to make some arrangement
for the disposal of the build-
ings and stock belonging
to Govt. at Fraserpet, and
this the Comm.r observes, ought
to lower the estimate for
constructing the enclosure.

D 27/4/65

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Sentpd 28-4-65.

1865 Genl No 606
Revenue " 5-5-

To

The Actg Superintt of Coorg

Mercara

Dated 27th }
Despd 28th } April

General No 606 }
Revenue " 5-5- } 1864/65

Sir

In reply to his letter No 1727
of the 19th Instant reporting regarding
the tender made by Kunnumma Liquor
distilling liquor under the Abkaree
Distillery System, I am directed
the orders of the Govt of India on the
Administration Report for 1863/64
with certain observations.

unless the State Head Duty on the spirit distilled is first paid in the Mysore Territory it being evident that the excise that spirit was to be exported to the Territory would be largely evaded if it escaped the payment of duty in Mysore.

I should prefer that the Coorg distillery were free from the complication which must necessarily attend an adjustment of accounts between the two Provinces, and the only way to obtain this would seem to be that the Contract distillery should be maintained, reserving the to Govt. the supervision only & selling the stock & materials to private individuals, without any guarantee towards of a monopoly. On the contrary I should encourage the admission of two or three selected individuals as distillers, and the Govt. warehouse should be enlarged for the purpose. Before any final steps are taken regarding this part of the subject, I think the Resr Supt should consult the Collr & Com. Supt as to the measures to be carried out in that Div.

Whichever of the two modes referred to is adopted, a private depôt or wholesale shop will be needed at Mudadrapet & Virrajpet, and I consider that a limited number of spirit shops should be allowed.

The State Head duty might, I think, be respectively fixed at 1.8 per Gallon at first.

It is proposed to reduce the number of shops from 30 to 10 in Mudadrapet & from 38 to 12 in Virrajpet. This is, I consider, desirable; but it will be necessary to raise the rate. The Asst Supt proposes an enhancement from 2 to 6 per measure, which is reasonable. Should this be much exceeded, it will be a question how far consideration

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From The Officiating Superintendent of Coorg

To The Secretary to the Commissioner of Coorg

Dated 5th June 1865 Bangalore

Despatched 6th

Received 10 "

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 323

No 12/1865

Subject

Reporting on the applications received for permission to carry out the Liquor Distillery System in Coorg

Canara

10th June 65

It does not seem to me practicable to entertain these proposals, until the Asstt Supt from Supt shall have determined the measures to be adopted hereafter in his Division. It is not, I consider, politic to give the monopoly of distilling for the Mudadrapet Div and for two or three individuals

whether the 22 shops at either place should not be put up to auction.

The vote of 2 for the board appears fair, but I think the number of shops in each head might be advantageously reduced.

It does not appear clearly what is meant by the distinction between a system of bottles and no of bottles, the spirit being removed from the distillery in barrels

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No. 323.

From

The Officiating Superintendent

of Coorg

Section S.D.
No 4-1863
Serial No 8

To the Secretary

to the Commissioner

for the affairs of Coorg

Bangalore

Dated Coorg 5th June 1865.

Sir,

In reply to your No. 606/55 of 27th April last, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Commissioner, that both the present Applicants, for permission to carry out the Sudder Distillery system in Coorg, have agreed to buy the Government Buildings at Tradesment, and all stock in hand &c., a Statement of the value of which is annexed, by which it will be seen that the value of the Buildings is estimated to be Rupees 4840. 14. 6, and of the Furniture &c. 3339. 7. 10.

Taggery &
Chunam &c. } 18142. - 10. the Stock &c. Rupees 21,481. 8. 8. as per margin

21481. 8. 8. making an aggregate of Rupees 26,322. 7. 2.-

2. The Proprietors of the Distillery Works

and consequently the higher prices of provisions, which, moreover can only be procured at certain seasons and cause loss by storage. I am inclined to consider that the proposal now made, is the most favorable and the best calculated to meet the requirements of Coorg.-

5. The Supplies could also relieve the Government of the Depôts at Mercara and Verrajendrapett, which cost Rupees 2160 per annum, and form others wherever requisite. It is supposed that each of these Depôts will require a small Government Establishment, to guard against liquor being brought into them from adjoining British Territories; but I do not anticipate such a necessity myself.-

6. The comparatively weak strength, sold in Coorg now realizes a revenue of Rupees 88,897 per annum, after deducting all expenses, and, if the strength be at once made the same as in Mysore, the Retail sellers would be tempted to dilute the new liquor, and a loss to Government be consequently caused. I would, therefore, propose that at first the strength be fixed at 30 below proof.-

7. The annual consumption in Coorg now amounts to 66,120 Gallons of 5 Pottlahpack and realizes a revenue of Rupees 88,897. The same number of Gallons at Rupees 1. 4. -

as in Mysore. The only question is whether Mercara and Verrajenderpett can fairly be classed with Towns like Mysore: I grant, 10 Shops, at 6 Rupees each per mensem, would afford the same return, and we should only have 10 instead of 30 Shops to supervise and would get rid of the present low class of Retail Sellers. The same cause could be followed with all the Pettahs and Naads.—

10. I beg to append a Tabular Statement (A) shewing the number of Shops in the Naads and other large Pettahs and the number I would propose in each for the future. I would propose to fix Rupees 6 per mensem in the Pettahs and Rupees 2 in each Shop in the Naads.—

11. To sum up the financial results to Government, I would state, that the revenue now raised amounts to Rupees 88,897; and that the proposals now submitted would cause it to be Rupees 87,368 viz.

1. Still Head duty retaining the present Gallon	}	Rupees 82,544.
2. —— " —— " —— " in Pettahs	"	1584.
3. —— " —— " —— " —— " Naads	"	3240.
	Total Rupees	87,368.

If, however, the Gallon be assimilated to that

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6. The comparatively weak Stuff, sold in Coorg now realizes a revenue of Rupees 88,897 per annum, after deducting all expenses, and, if the strength be at once made the same as in Mysore, the Retail sellers would be tempted to dilute the new liquor, and a loss to Government, be consequently caused. I would, therefore, propose that at first the strength be fixed at 30 below proof.-

7. The Annual consumption in Coorg now amounts to 66,120 Gallons of 5 Pottles each and realizes a revenue of Rupees 88,897. The same number of Gallons at Rupees 1. 4. -

per Gallon Still-head duty would realize Rupees 82,544. If, however, the Gallon be made to Contain 4 pints or 16 Bottles, this Amount would be reduced to Rupees 68,777, If however, the duty be fixed at Rupees 1.8.. per Gallon, the revenue would be Rupees 99,040 per Gallon of 5 Bottles or Rupees 82,522. I am informed that the selling price at Shyore is 4 Rupees and in the Villages Rupees 3½ per Gallon of 5 Bottles, whilst in Coorg it is Rupees 2½ per Gallon of 5 Bottles.-

8. The Licensed Toddy shops at Shyore are, Villages, as follows.

1. Town_ Rupees 10 per Annum.
2. Cantonment_____"_____5_____"_____"_____
3. Villages_____"_____2"_____"_____"_____

There are at present 216 shops in Coorg, a far larger number, I think, than is required; for at Mercara I have observed several shops all grouped together next to each other.-

9. In Mercara there are 30 shops and at _____ and I would propose to make the number respectively 10 & 12 Verajendrapete 38. Rupees 2 per mensem are now paid by each shop, or an aggregate rent of Rupees 728 and Rupees 612 for these two Towns. The 30 shops at Mercara at Rupees 24 per Annum each shop yield Rupees 720, which sum would doubtless be realized by having only 6 shops at 10 Rupees per mensem

of Still Head duty

of Mysore, a deduction of one fifth would have to be made, which would reduce the sum to Rs. 70,860.* This revenue would steadily increase, and, whilst securing the present amount derived from this source, the Government would be relieved of the opprobrium of being directly concerned in the Manufacture and supply of the liquor

12. It will be seen by the Tabular Statement, that I propose to reduce the number of Shops from 206 to 157. A greater reduction might, perhaps, be effected, but the present Arrangements are proposed to be merely tentative, and we shall soon see whether the increase of the License fee will lead to any diminution in the number of Shops.-

13. In conclusion, I would beg to state that I consider the greater facilities afforded by the Proprietors of Palhully, who are also the Contractors for the adjoining Districts of Mysore and Hassan, would justify the experiment being entrusted to their hands rather than to any others.-

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

B. [illegible]

Officiating Superintendent

* but when it costs the Government Rupees 42,854 to realize the amount of Clear revenue before alluded to. This amount added to Rupees 70,860 would cause an aggregate of Rs. 1,12,714; or a Clear gain of Rupees 23,817; out of which, however, a small sum would be required to meet future Establishments.

in Mysore. The only question is whether Mr Rice and Government will grant the Shops at 16 Rupees each per annum provided they can afford the same return, and are they should only have 10 instead of 30 Shops to supervise and would get rid of the present bad class of Retail Sellers. The same cause could be pursued with all the Petta's and Taluks.—

10. Beg to append a tabular statement shewing the number of Shops in the Taluks and other large Pettahs and the number I would propose in each for the future. Some propose to fix Rupees 5 per annum on the Pettahs and Rupees 2 in each Shop in the Taluks.—

11. To sum up the financial results to Government, I would state that the revenue now raised amounts to Rupees 88,897, and that the proposals now submitted would cause it to be Rupees 87,368 viz.

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From The Ag Secretary to the Commissioner for Coorg

To The Ag: Superintendent of Coorg

Dated 13th June

Despatched 14th "

Received

Enclosures, No.

General No. 121
Rev. No. 20
} 1865-66

Subject.

In reply to his letter No. 32. dated the 5th Instant conveys the Commissioner's observation on the subject of the Sudder Distillery system in Coorg.

Revl. Co. 121
Rev. — 26 } 1865-66

D/ Bangalore 13th June. 1865 C. C.

To

The Asst. Superintendent
of Coorg.

Sir

In reply to your letter No. 323 dated the 5th Inst. I am desired by the Commr. to state that it does not appear to him practicable to entertain the proposal that is contained in the Madras for carrying into the Seddon Distillery System in Coorg, until the subject of Cochin-China shall have determined the measures to be adopted there as in this Division.

2. The Commr. does not consider it politic to give the monopoly of distilling for the Cochin-China Division and for Coorg, to the same individual, unless the Still Head Duty on all spirit distilled is first paid in the Coorg Territory, it being evident that the spirit was being exported

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to N. Bs. Territory would be largely availed of to escape the payment of duty in Eng cove.

3. The Comsr. would prefer that the Long Bs: Fishery were free from all complications which must necessarily attend an adjustment of accounts between the two Provinces, and the only way to attain this would be seen to be that the Passport-System: Long should be maintained, reserving to Govt. the enclosure only, and selling the stock and materials to private individuals, without any guarantee thereon of a monopoly. The Comsr. would on this Bay, encourage the adoption of two or three selected individuals as Fishers, and the Govt. enclosure should be enlarged for the purpose.

4 Before any final steps are taken regarding this part of the subject, I am directed by Hon the Comsr. to request that you

you should consult the
Supdt of Ashtagram as to the
measures to be carried out
in that Division.

5. Whichever of the two
courses referred to is adopted
= ~~executed~~, a Central depôt
or wholesale shop will be
required ~~needed~~ at Kuchadeepet
and Veerapet and the
~~Govt is of opinion that~~
a limited establishment
to prevent smuggling and
illicit distilling will probably also
be needed.

6. The Still Head Duty
might, the Govt considers,
be appropriately fixed at
Rs. 1/8 per Gallon at present.

7. The Govt also con-
siders the proposal to re-
duce the number of shops
from 30 to 10 in Kuchadeepet
and from 38 to 12 in Veerap-
pet, to be desirable
but it will be necessary
to raise the rate not part. The en-
hancement proposed by
us from Rs. 2 to 6 per mea-
sure appears ~~to the Govt~~
to be reasonable, but Govt should
there be much opposition

it will be a question for consideration whether the steps at either place should not be taken up by auction.

8. The sale of Rs. 2/- for the heads appears fair, but Mr. Bowring thinks that the number of steps in each Taluk might be advantageously reduced.

9. It does not appear clearly [illegible] what is meant by the distinction between a gallon of 5 bottles and one of 6 bottles, the spirit being ordinarily removed from the distilling in barrels.

Thanks.

Yours

Secy.

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